

PETITIONS THE MAYOR

Mr. Z. T. Jones Prays for an Investigation.

THRUSTS AT THE CHIEF

Petitioner Declares the Head of the Police Force Passed Complaints Unheeded. Officers Cannot Do Their Duty.

And now Mayor Walter A. Post has been asked to take cognizance of the action of the board of police commissioners in dismissing Patrolman Zachary T. Jones from the police force without the formality of a hearing as prescribed in the rules and regulations.

Yesterday Mr. Jones presented to the mayor a petition, together with all the papers in the case, including certain orders promulgated by Chief of Police S. H. Harwood.

The petition was drawn by Attorney R. M. Lett, counsel for the petitioner, and it is a lengthy document, setting forth the case in detail and asking his excellency to investigate the trial.

When seen by reporter for the Daily Press last night Mayor Post said he did not have the papers in his possession at that time and he was not prepared to make a statement for publication, as he had not considered the matter carefully, having gone over the papers hurriedly. The petitioner, he said, was a prayer from Mr. Jones asking him to investigate the case.

After citing sections from the city code and the rules and regulations governing the police force, the petitioner asked the mayor to direct the chief of police to investigate the case.

Referring to the summary dismissal of the patrolman the prayer to the mayor reads: "The petitioner prays that the chief of police be directed to investigate the case and to report to the mayor the results of such investigation."

The petitioner states that he has expended money for transportation and other expenses as a police officer, which must prove a hardship on him.

In closing the petitioner avers that he was refused access to the police force and that he had been discharged from the force.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

Judge T. J. Barham Incorporates Two Companies.

Judge T. J. Barham, of the Corporation Court, yesterday granted two charters to companies which propose to do business in Newport News. Mr. R. M. Lett, of Hampton, is president and chief promoter of the companies.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

Sensational Developments in a Case Expected.

WAS A BRIBE OFFERED?

Application Will Be Made Today for a Writ of Habeas Corpus in the Case of C. T. Tatum, Who Was Fined by Justice Jones.

C. T. Tatum is in the "Lucy Coleman," the Elizabethan looking up, and his attorney, Mr. W. T. Moss, is preparing to file a writ of habeas corpus.

Some time ago he was arrested on two warrants—one charging him with selling liquor on Sunday and the other with carrying a dangerous weapon. Tatum was taken before Justice Jones for trial.

Justice Jones issued a writ of habeas corpus for Tatum. The writ was granted on the ground that Tatum was not properly indicted.

When seen by a reporter for the Daily Press yesterday Mr. Tatum said he was not going to prison and he was not going to fight the case.

Now for the other side of the story. Tatum claims that on January 3, through his attorney, W. H. Arrington, he made an application before Justice Jones to have the case reopened on the ground of after-discovered evidence.

His worship, it is claimed, granted the hearing, setting the following Friday as the time for going into the case.

In the meantime Tatum employed Attorney James A. Field (colored) to assist Arrington. When the case was called on Friday, Attorney Field asked to have it continued till the following Monday.

The continuance, it is said, was granted, but for some reason when the case was called on Monday, the case was not called on.

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It is expected that the vessels of the North Atlantic Squadron, now in Hampton Roads, will leave there in a few days for Key West, which will be the headquarters for the proposed fleet evolutions and exercises in the Gulf of Mexico.

The cruiser Brooklyn, now at the New York yard, was to have accompanied the fleet, but she has been found to be in need of repairs and will not be ready to go until later in the month.

The long voyage for the McCulloch. The veteran cutter McCulloch, Captain Hodgson, which is the largest vessel in the navy, left Hampton Roads yesterday afternoon on a trip around the world.

The McCulloch's first stop will be at Pineda, Madeira. From that place she will proceed to Gibraltar, Malaga, and then to the Red Sea and Indian Ocean, thence to Ceylon, Singapore, Yokohama and Honolulu to San Francisco, which port she is expected to reach about the end of the month.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Prayer services will be conducted at the Baptist mission, Forty-fourth street and Lafayette avenue, tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Mid-week services will be held regularly hereafter.

Mrs. Annie Clifford, of East End, is visiting relatives in Berkeley, California. She returned from Berkeley, Virginia, returned Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Harrell, who have been the guests of Mrs. G. F. Kinneer, returned to their home in Suffolk, Virginia, on Wednesday morning.

Mr. C. C. Clark, of Lee Hall, was in the city yesterday on business. The total tonnage coal shipped on vessels at the piers yesterday was 13,942. During the day 425 car loads of coal were handled.

IS HE A KLEPTOMANIAC? A Negro Makes Three Attempts to Steal and is Arrested. Patrolman Roy J. Charles shortly after 11 o'clock last night arrested a negro named Johnson on a charge of house breaking.

Johnson, it is alleged, made three attempts to commit theft on the "Acme" early in the night he entered B. Nachman's store on Seventeenth street and purloined a pair of overalls, but was caught in the act and absconded.

Later it is said Johnson stole an article from a merchant named Oser. Again he was detected and the article recovered.

The last attempt to steal that Johnson is alleged to have made was about 10 o'clock when he procured a mackintosh from a shop on the corner of the city.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Proceedings of the House and Senate.

MEASURES INTRODUCED

Mr. W. M. Atkinson Elected Judge of the Corporation Court of Winchester.

Important Bill Presented by Senator Kezel.

(Special to the Daily Press.) RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 12.—In the House today Mr. E. C. Jordan, of Frederick, offered a joint resolution providing that the judges of the corporation court of Winchester be elected by the voters of Winchester at 1 o'clock. The resolution was agreed to and Mr. Jordan was directed to inform the Senate of the action.

When House Bill No. 108 came up on its passage, which provides that clubs shall procure a license for the sale of wines and liquors, Mr. W. P. Roddy, of this city, moved to amend the bill, he thought by imposing a tax of \$200 a year on each club.

Mr. Saunders opposed Mr. Roddy's motion to amend and suggested that any amendment might be submitted to the House and on motion of Mr. T. D. Jennings, of Lynchburg, the pending motion was ordered. The motion to amend the bill was then lost and the bill passed.

A lively discussion arose when House Bill No. 97 came up on its second reading. The bill provides for the amendment of the law relating to the election of judges of the corporation court of Winchester.

Dr. Winston said he had been invited to visit at the institution on the previous day, ascertained that several boys had been kept there for seven years and he described in detail the manner in which the inmates are kept there, according to the information furnished him.

At 1 o'clock the discussion was interrupted by the reading of the report of the committee on the petition of the citizens of Winchester for the election of a judge of the corporation court of Winchester.

By Mr. G. C. Wharton, of Montgomery, a bill was introduced for the relief of Eliza Davis, a Confederate soldier.

By Mr. A. T. Embury, of Fredericksburg, a bill was introduced for the relief of the citizens of the county of Russell to settle their accounts with the board of supervisors of Russell county.

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TRUMPH FOR HANNA

Elected Senator by the Ohio Legislature.

NO CHANGE IN THE VOTE

Resolution Demanding an Investigation of Bribery Charges, Governor Bushnell Promptly Sends the New Senator His Commission.

(By Telegraph.) COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 12.—Marcus A. Hanna was elected today to represent Ohio in the Senate for seven years and two months. If McKinley should be re-elected, Hanna would still be there to the end of President's term.

After the two houses met in joint session, in the House chamber, the roll of the Senate was called first, and there were no changes from the votes of yesterday. In for McKisson and 17 for Hanna.

Senator Burke, the only dissenting Republican, presented the name of E. McKisson, the Republican mayor of Cleveland, in a very forcible and inflammatory speech that attracted the closest attention. In one of his climaxes he said:

James A. Garfield would have voted for McKisson. McKisson was alive and a Senator here today.

The vote of the House was the same as that of yesterday, with the exception that McKisson, who voted for Hanna, today voted with the other Democrats for McKisson. General Aquila Hanna was the only Democrat not voting with the majority.

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THE EASTERN SITUATION.

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—The government has reasserted its intention to occupy Kiaochow.

Shanghai, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from Shanghai says that the treaty providing for a lease of Kiaochow to Germany is not as yet signed. Japan is strenuously opposing the final signature.

NEW JAPANESE CABINET. (By Telegraph.) LONDON, Jan. 12.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Shanghai says that the new Japanese cabinet has been formed with the following distribution of portfolios: Premier, the Marquis Ito; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Baron Nishi; Minister of the Interior, Viscount Koshiyaka; Minister of War, Viscount Katsura; Minister of Marine, Marquis Saiko Tsu-Gumichi; Minister of Finance, Count Inouye; Minister of Commerce, Baron Ito Yoji; Minister of Communications, Baron Suymatsu; Minister of Education, Marquis Saionji; Minister of Justice, Marquis Saionji.

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Mr. J. H. Noonan, manager Warwick Woolen Coat Company, returned recently from a trip to several countries, where he succeeded in purchasing a large quantity of wool.

Fresh cut flowers at the Warwick Pharmacy. W. G. Burgess, proprietor.

Big Sale of C. & O. Bonds. (By Telegraph.) NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—It is reported in Wall street today that the banking house of Harvey Fisk & Sons had purchased from the treasury of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, \$2,250,000 of first mortgage 5s, which had originally been reserved to retire the three 4s bonds maturing next July.

Struck by a Timber. Mr. Uzzell, brother of Mr. G. T. Uzzell, was slightly injured yesterday afternoon by the falling of a roof. Mr. Uzzell is a carpenter and was working in a house that is being erected near the corner of Roanoke avenue and Thirteenth street for Mr. J. L. Cook.

Japanese Steamer Wrecked. About Eighty Lives Reported to Have Been Lost. (By Telegraph.) VICTORIA, Jan. 12.—Latest advice from the Orient states that the Japanese transport steamer Nara, of 2,510 tons, bound for Pecosadores, was wrecked December 24, and about eighty lives were lost.

Owned Property Here. The latest will and testament of Thomas Morgan Harris, of Brantford, Ontario, was probated in the Corporation Court yesterday.

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